

Appl. No. 10/682,346
Amendment dated September 16, 2005
Reply to Office Action of August 12, 2005

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1 - 16 (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A hopped malt beverage having enhanced light stability prepared by a process comprising treating a process liquid having a high riboflavin content with an effective amount of actinic radiation from a lamp having a minimum power output specification as follows: at least about 90 percent between about 300 and less than about 800 nanometers based on wavelength specific output power as measured in watts per square meter at a distance from the light source of three meters, whereby the riboflavin content is reduced to less than about 0.2 ppm and the resulting hopped malt beverage has enhanced stability to light.

18. (Original) The hopped malt beverage of claim 17 wherein said beverage is beer.

19. (Original) The hopped malt beverage of claim 17 wherein the process is a continuous process and the irradiation is carried out in a static mixer.

20. (New) The hopped malt beverage of claim 17 in which the process liquid is wort.

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21. (New) The hopped malt beverage of claim 20 wherein the riboflavin content is reduced to less than 0.1 ppm.

22. (New) The hopped malt beverage of claim 21 wherein the riboflavin content is reduced to less than 0.07 ppm.

23. (New) The hopped malt beverage of claim 22 wherein the riboflavin content is reduced to less than 0.03 ppm.

24. (New) The hopped malt beverage of claim 17 wherein the process liquid is maintained at a temperature of from about 25°C to about 90°C during the treatment with actinic radiation.